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PACING THE OCULISTS

Editor THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN

Dear Sir:

How about an article in THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN on the subject of eyesight? There are no doubt a number of N. R. A. members who are, by profession, authorities on this subject, and I am sure that the subject itself is one of deep interest to many of the brotherhood, particularly those who are well into middle age, and whose changing eyes have begun to make close shooting difficult. I believe there is much good advice possible for this group of shooters. Some of us have by experiment found out a few things for ourselves, as for instance in my own case, I need reading glasses for close work, and of course for seeing revolver sights clearly, but the use of such glasses invariably dims the bull. So I now have my guns sighted to hold right in the center of the gray blur which is all the bull looks like to me, and get along pretty well—even shot a 300 possible in practice a few weeks ago on the "L" target, usual D course. I mention this to prove that eyes that need glasses for close focussing need not spoil a man's shooting.

But they do impose a handicap. I have experimented with a single lens, in the sighting eye, and no lens in the other, which thus sees the bull clear and black. The result was a bit confusing and I should like to learn from some authority if this and other subterfuges are of any use.

Also, for 200 yard rifle work with the .30-'06 I use reading glasses and an aperture front sight, and hold the little dim

flyspeck that represents the bull, in the center of the aperture. This works pretty well. But maybe there are other, better schemes that I do not know about.

Then, too, while I am on the subject, I should like to see an occasional full-length article on how to run a rifle club interestingly. I know that this matter is mentioned in THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN from time to time, but I regret to say that so far it hasn't helped me much, as President of a local club (Port Washington, N. Y., Rifle & Revolver Club).

We shoot pretty nearly everything, scheduling each Sunday in the month for organized practice with some particular arm—.45 pistol or revolver, .38 revolver, .30-'06 rifle, and deer rifle, and shotgun stuff on the side. We have an occasional novelty match with small prizes, that usually is enthusiastically attended, and of course Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey matches. We avoid specializing in any one arm, and that perhaps helps to keep the interest up. We have worked up a number of stunts, such as a deer profile marked off for scoring, camouflaged with tree branches, at 100 yards (at the whistle turn, spot your deer, and fire five shots in 20 seconds).

We are also playing with super-rapid "defense fire" with the pistol—5 shots in 5 seconds on the "L" target, 15 yards. Some fearful and wonderful (?) scores are made at this.

The above details may suggest the kind of article I have in mind. There are no doubt numbers of other interesting and practical developments which others have worked out, and which serve to prevent the regular courses of firing from becoming

ing monotonous. A few articles on this subject may be a help to numbers of clubs like ours, and would serve to make THE RIFLEMAN, to this reader at least, even more interesting than it now is.

Cordially,

WILLIAM E. PETERSON.

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found them looking up a big, tall pine that was leaning slightly. An eye-paining search finally disclosed a gray squirrel lying flat on the topmost limb, fully 120 feet above the ground. It was hard to tell which end of the large bushy tail the squirrel was on; but we finally decided that a little bump on the limb was its head. Right then I made one of my best shots—but with sad results. I rested the rifle, and fired. The squirrel fell, shot through the head; and it never touched a limb on the way down. It struck the hard ground, *whack!* and burst wide open. It was full of very rich food—acorns—and we knew the meat would be too tainted to eat, so had to leave it. We always cleaned the squirrels as soon as killed.

The next stop was when Herman's dog treed another pheasant, which Herman soon added to his sack. He loaded his gun and pipe, and then looked into his game sack, which was getting somewhat heavy. "Vere is dot rabbit? I thought I put him in der sack. Don't I kill a rabbit in der svale?" I surely had to laugh at his consternation, but thought of something, and said: "Maybe you just slid the rabbit between the sack and your body, instead of bagging it." We went back down the swale, and there lay the rabbit. "Vell!"

As it was getting near evening and we were close to a trail leading home, we called it a day and started back. Herman had shot the most game, but I had had the most laughs, so was satisfied. I always hunted for fun, and not to see how many hardships or endurance tests I could survive. It is the day, the place, the weather, and the company, that make a happy hunt.

THE .25-20

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ble as to which was better on grizzly bear, the .25-35 or the .45-70! Boy, those were the good old days, and no fooling. And today, after all these years, and in spite of all the Swifts, Hornets, Zippers, and the like, the .25-35 maintains its deserved popularity. Long may that most useful little cartridge live! When Remington brought out their auto-loading rifle they included in its repertoire a rimless version



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